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SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Can the Hon. Minister say how many such medical certificates have been issued and what the quantity is of the liquor, foreign and indigenous, that has been supplied to them? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Notice, Sir."

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following letter, dated the 25th May 1952, from Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras :—

' I have received with great satisfaction your Resolution of thanks for the Address with which I opened the present session of the Legislature '."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV.—BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53.

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, I present to this House the Budget of the Government of Madras for the year 1952–53. Copies of the Budget speech of the Finance Minister [a] are now with all hon. Members and I think it is not necessary that I should formally read out his speech. With your leave, I shall make only a few observations.

" The main feature of the present Budget is that it is highly deficit. This was to be expected in view of the increasing demand of the public for welfare services. Ambitious targets have been set for the constructive work of all departments. New items of ameliorative service are making increasing demands on the exchequer. Political conditions and the post-war economic confusion have created new problems in administration, which call for substantial increases in administrative and security services. The progressive increase in expenditure in various departments can be seen from the following comparative figures :—

	Expenditure in 1945–46 RS. LAKHS.	*Estimated expenditure in* 1951–52 RS. LAKHS.
Education	460	1,180
Public Health	234	483
Agriculture	74	389
Highways	146	499
Rural Development	Nil.	57
Harijan Uplift	29	113
Police	298	668
General Administration	427	712

[a] See Appendix on pages 17–53 infra.